

Meningie Area School News

Thursday 14th December 2023



End of year principal's message from Fiona Haselgrove

It was fantastic to have the whole school come together to celebrate our students. It was the first time we have had all students, reception to year 12 celebrate together and we appreciated support from students and families for the "Achieving Our Way" evening. We hoped you enjoyed the new format and have provided feedback via the form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/MmnpFCz05N>

While we presented awards to some students, the evening was about coming together to share all the achievements across the year. The awards that are won are built on many celebratory moments when students have new experiences, learn new concepts, and form new perspectives to see things in a new way. For example, I attended the senior Adelaide Camp for the Fringe Festival and enjoyed watching students engage in exhibitions and shows that challenged their experience – they showed wonder, delight and at times distaste (one student let slip a derogatory comment about the price of some pieces of art in a gallery!) At the Aboriginal STEM congress some of our primary students were immersed in the science of traditional culture as well as learning about the work of contemporary Aboriginal scientists providing inspiration for new learning. These moments build over the year to the achievements we saw at our celebration last Tuesday.

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To our 2023 year 12 group, thank you for sharing your learning journey with us. There have been highs and lows, but your teachers and support staff were there to help you through. One of you made my day when after coming to me at the last hour (and I mean the last hour) to tackle a major assignment, I opened my

| Term 4 Diary Dates | |
|---------------------------|--|
| December | |
| Friday 15 th | Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2.05pm Buses depart 2.15pm |
| Term 1 Diary Dates | |
| January | |
| Thursday 25 th | Book Room Open 10.00am – 2.00pm Collect your new T-Shirt |
| Monday 29 th | First Day of Term 1 |
| February | |
| Friday 16 th | Interschool Swimming @ Murray Bridge |
| Friday 23 rd | Sports Day |
| Monday 26 th | Back up Sports Day |
| March | |
| Monday 11 th | Adelaide Cup Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 12 th | Interschool Athletics @ Tintinara |
| Friday 29 th | Good Friday |
| April | |
| Monday 1 st | Easter Monday |
| Friday 12 th | Last day of term School finishes at 2.05pm Buses depart 2.15pm |

email to see it had been submitted at 2am! It is not necessarily about the certificates and number but about the sense of achievement when you finish something you did not think you could do. When you face new challenges, remember that feeling you felt after you completed your research project, or a major assignment you thought you could not, and use that feeling to help you through.

The education system is moving towards recognising students in a more holistic way rather than just a number at the end of 12 years of schooling. Secondary teachers worked with year 10/11 students in a pilot for the recognition of “capabilities”. While this in the preliminary stages it is exciting work to be able to recognise students for their broader capabilities and we strongly believe this will provide a better representation of our students’ strengths in the future.

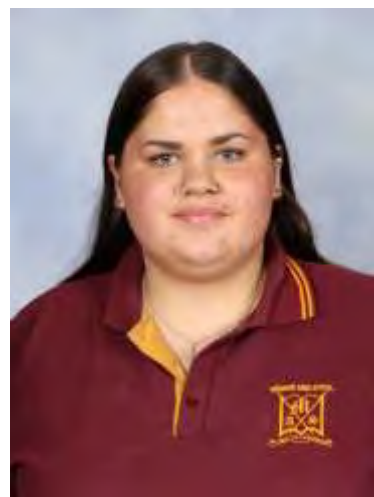
In 2024 we look forward to welcoming new staff and new programs. The year 11 and 12 group will be programmed for 3 days a week, with Wednesdays for vocational learning and Fridays as a home study day. Students are welcome to come to school to study and seek assistance but this timetable provides flexibility to meet the needs of highly individualised programs. The year 8-10 group will engage in a new “Enterprise” program 4 lessons a week in Semester 1 to prepare for the “Enterprise Expo” in August. We hope to grow this event as an opportunity for students to demonstrate capabilities beyond the subject specific content and skills. We are also planning for the Year 11/12 group to attend the Adelaide Fringe again working with Coomandook School. In addition we hope to reinstate the Canberra Camp for year 7 to 10.

Our two new graduate primary teachers Matt Lillis and Ben Scharfbillig spent week 8 with us preparing to take on their new classes in 2024. The department is also providing them with mentoring in Term 1 and we are very pleased to welcome Katrina Hood back to mentor both of these teachers. Georgiana Quintal and Caitlin Angel joined us for a day to familiarise themselves with the school and meet students.

Along with new teachers comes farewells. We thank the following teachers for their work and commitment to Meningie Area School. To Wendy Starling, enjoy your year break, sleep in, read, watch Netflix and spoil yourself! Congratulations Kathleen McGuire on starting your first principal role at Tintinara and good luck. We wish Amelia Nakone all the best in her new teaching role at Morialta Secondary College and Sarah Wilson in her new teaching role closer to home at Murray Bridge High. Support staff Tayla Camac will be welcoming her second child and take leave and Abbie Cross will take on a new role in wellbeing at Murray Bridge High School.

School Captain

Kalisha Sumner will be our school captain in 2024. The school captain is responsible for role modelling school values, organising and presenting at school events and providing leadership at SRC. The school captain role is separate to house captains who support their team during sporting events.



SRC

The SRC (Student Representative Council) upholds and supports the Meningie Area School [MAS] vision, values and mission. The purpose of the SRC is to empower students by providing them with the opportunity to participate in decision-making at MAS. SRC represent the school from Years 4-12 and promotes student agency across the school. SRC provides a group of students with opportunities for active participation, engagement, leadership and learning. It allows the student voice to be heard and students’ interests and concerns to be considered. The SRC will meet 3 times per term (in pastoral care lessons where possible) to discuss issues relevant to Meningie Area School. Mrs Gibbs (Abbey) will be responsible for supporting the SRC and helping to run the meetings.

Swimming Carnival

Team Winner Kungari 594 points

Kungari Captain
Jacobe Griffiths



| | Boys Winner | Boys R/Up | Girls Winner | Girls R/up |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Sub-Junior | Doug Greenwood | Albert Greenwood | Kelsey Mitchell | Imogen Hurle |
| Junior | Hugo Swan | Heston Schulz | Macey Ridley | Chantelle Richards |
| Intermediate | Elliott Hurle | Jordan Willment | Clara Swan | Gabrielle Swan |
| Open | Jacobe Griffiths | | | |
| BEST DRESSED | | Winter-Rose Pona - Kungari | | |





School Card 2024

School Card 2024 applications

School Card applications for 2024 will open on Monday 15 January, at which time all forms will be made available via the School Card scheme page on the SA Gov website. [SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme](https://www.sa.gov.au/school-card)
(www.sa.gov.au)

If you wish to fill out a paper copy, please contact the office or come in and collect a new form.

Achieving our Way Celebration Award Winners

| Subject Awards | Sponsor | Winner |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| English | Van den Brink Contractors | Bridey Wells |
| Maths | Tony Berry Builder | Matthew Hughes |
| Science | David Greig | Coen Pearson |
| Humanities & Social Sciences | Swan Brothers Pty Ltd | Danica Hunter |
| Arts | Meningie Bakery | Bridey Wells |
| Music | Lake Albert Learning Centre | Melissa Burnett |
| Agriculture | Southern Fisherman's Association | Chloe Retsas |
| Health & Physical Education | Coorong Cottage Industries | Chloe Retsas |
| Ngarrindjeri Language | Rita Lindsay | Kiara Rigney |
| Digital Technology | Meningie Sailing Club | Matthew Hughes |
| Food & Hospitality | Meningie Gypsum | Bridey Wells |

| Class Awards | Sponsor | Winner |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Year 4/5 Merit | Nick McBride MP | Hugo Swan |
| Year 4/5 Engagement | Nick McBride MP | Ruby Cunneen |
| Year 5/6 Merit | Nick McBride MP | Tayla McNicol |
| Year 5/6 Engagement | Nick McBride MP | Levi Marles |
| Year 7 Merit | Response Building Group | Charlie Nankivell-Watkins |
| Year 7 Engagement | Response Building Group | Clara Swan |
| Year 8/9 Merit | Response Building Group | Gabrielle Swan |
| Year 8/9 Engagement | Response Building Group | Ryan Cunneen |
| Year 10-12 Merit | Response Building Group | Jacobe Griffiths |
| Year 10-12 Engagement | Response Building Group | Llyanna Hughes |

| Special Awards | Sponsor | Winner |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Primary Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yanun | Ngarrindjeri Lands & Progress Aboriginal Corporation | Mya Kartinyeri |
| Secondary Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yanun | Coorong District Council | Marcus Hartman |
| Reconciliation | Meningie & District Lions Club & Meningie Uniting Church | Blake Richards & Xander Kohler |
| Ampol Best All Rounder | Dennis & Sarah Chandler – Book Ampol – Medal | Brendan Kartinyeri |
| Sports | Adrian Pederick MP | Lyla Jeffery |
| Barker Shield Academic | Coorong Realty – Book Tony Pasin – Shield | Bridey Wells |
| Barker Shield Community Service & Spirit | Meningie Progress Assoc – Book Tony Pasin – Shield | Danica Hunter |
| Barker Shield Vocational Education Training | Brumfield Metal Fabrication – Book Tony Pasin – Shield | Karla Hera-Singh |
| Future Innovators Yr 10 | Australian Defence Force | Jacobe Griffiths |
| Future Innovators Yr 12 | Australian Defence Force | Matthew Hughes |
| Long Tan Yr 10 | Australian Defence Force | Danica Hunter |
| Long Tan Yr 12 | Australian Defence Force | Coen Pearson |





Achieving our way celebration student displays



Food for the Giraffes

Leon Skornsy Dodd is a Senior Indigenous Conservation Officer from Monarto Safari Park in South Australia. He is a proud Ngarrindjeri man who has been recognised for his work in caring for Country and sharing his Aboriginal knowledge with others. He won the Caring for Country Award at the 2023 NAIDOC SA Awards and was featured in a documentary for NITV about his stories from the Coorong and his work at Monarto Zoo. He is passionate about conservation, land management, and mentoring Aboriginal trainees. Leon came to school in week 7 to trim some of our trees and bushes in the Butterfly Garden in the Bus Bay to gather food for the giraffes and other animals at Monarto Zoo. He spoke to the Year 4-6 students about the acacia and hakea plants, and how they were used at the zoo. Some of the students were able to help Leon and Keiron, the MAS grounds person, to trim and cart the branches and leaves. Thank you Skornsy for your help!



Trees in The Park

Meningie School has again decorated trees for the Meningie Garden Club's Trees in The Park. Three class groups have trees down the park. Ms Griffith's class has a tree with some beautiful birds and smiling faces, Mrs Wright's class a tree with coloured wishes for the holidays and Miss Giles' class decorated the tree with flags representing their heritages. Take a stroll in the park, see if you can find these trees in the forest.



Last week the Year 1-2 students got to make Christmas cupcakes! Our teacher next year (Mr Scharfbillig) helped out as well.





R-3 SPLASH DAY

11/12/23

Students participated in water balloon throwing, sponge relay, diving rings, bubbles, cup & ball relay, kickboard race & buddy noodle relay! The rain held off and students had lots of fun!



"Swimming with the noodles was fun" Violet- yr 2
 "I liked throwing the water balloons" Piper- yr 2
 "The relay was the best part" Flynn O- yr 3
 "Swimming in the pool was fun" Ella- yr 1
 "I liked swimming with the kickboards" Krew- Rec



Coorong Art Gallery

On the 7th of December, some people were selected to go to an art exhibition, and have their art displayed at the Coorong District Council Gallery in Tailem Bend.

First, when we got to school, we had to gather in a group outside, near the bus bay, with some of the artworks. Then, when we had everyone we climbed onto the bus, and sat down entertaining ourselves all the way to Tailem Bend. When we arrived, we crossed the road and entered the Coorong Council building. We placed our artworks into a certain spot.

As part of the welcome there was a Welcome to Country and speech. Some of the artists (school students from Meningie Area School) were interviewed by news people from the Murray Bridge News.

After the photos and interviews, we all had morning tea. There were trays of food and drinks.

There were artworks from other schools too. When we finished looking around, and getting photos done, we said goodbye and thank you, we had time at the playground and then headed back to school. Thank you to Ms Bagshaw and Miss Giles for coming with us.

Charlie Nankivell-Watkins

Christmas Love

Texta and design by Mya Kartinyeri and Kelsey Mitchell Year 4 Meningie Area School



We love Fishing

Water colour, Sketch and pencils by Albert Greenwood and Jackson Irving Year 4/5 Meningie Area School



During Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week 2023, we had Debra Rankine and Destiny Rankine come in and show students how to weave. Students had made small bowls and mats, with Destiny then incorporating the pieces into a mat. This particular piece is made from "Raffia" which can also be used to create Artwork when the spiny flat Sedge grass is scarce.

Junior School Year 3-6 Meningie Area School with Debra Rankine



Baby Peregrine Falcon

Pencil and pen sketch by Melissa Burnett Year 6 Meningie Area School



Jason Schulz portrait

Pencil Sketch
by Heston Schulz Year 6 Meningie Area School

YEAR 7 AQUATIC CAMP

@ VICTOR HARBOUR AQUATICS



All packed and ready to go!



Canoe Tree



Cultural Walk with Mark Koolmatrie



Granite Island Walk



Zoi's shark diving didn't go to plan!!



Searching for fossils at the Whale Museum



Surfing at Middleton



Body Boarding at Horeshoe Bay





The students and teacher of T2 would like to wish you all

*"Merry Christmas:" "Happy Holidays" "Have a great holiday"
Happy Christmas" and a safe and fun time.*

The students have all worked hard to bring the joy and colour to our class to celebrate the end of a very full and wonderful year. Thank you to all who helped us along the way this year.



Meningie School Community Library Newsletter December 2023



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Christmas Holiday Opening Hours

Term 4 ends on **Fri Dec 15** and
holiday opening hours will apply
until **Mon Jan 29, 2024**

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tue—Wed, Fri

8:30 am – 6:00 pm Thursday

**We close for lunch every day
from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm.**

*Our last day for 2023 will be
**Friday, December 22 (we will
close at 4 pm). We'll re-open on
Tuesday, January 9.***

Christmas is a great time to celebrate with family and friends. But it's also an excellent time for quiet reading. Come in and stock up on your reading and check out our Christmas book displays!



Christmas Reading

Where did 2023 go??

This year has flown by (as usual)! We're really pleased that our new programs have been so successful. Our book club has had some issues with getting our book sets delivered but has got into its routine.

We are very happy with the reception our fitness initiatives have had, with Wellness Wednesday in term 2, and Mind/Body Thursday in term 4. Plus, of course, Techelp has continued to be a space in which people can explore technology in a supportive environment.

We'll have a think about what we'll offer next year during the school holidays and come back refreshed and raring to go in 2024. Remember that we have our special collections of fitness equipment, technology, and board games that you can try over the holidays.

Bernie and his intrepid team (Cass, Sharon, and John) wish you all the best for the holiday season and a safe start to the new year.

Book Club

The last book club for 2023 will be Wednesday December 13. As usual, we'll have tea and coffee to help power you through the afternoon. We'll recommence in 2024 – watch this space!



Is your child eligible to attend preschool in 2024?



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

If your child turns 4 before the 1st May 2024 they are eligible to start preschool in term 1 2024. If your child turns 4 between 1st May and 31st October 2024 they are eligible to start preschool in term 3 2024.

Aboriginal children and children in care can access preschool from 3 years of age.

Please contact the Meningie Kindergarten on 85751290 or send an email to dl6553.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au to start the enrolment process

We would love you to be part of our Kindy community.

ENROL NOW



If your child turns 4 before 1 May, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 that year.

If your child turns 4 between 1 May and 31 October, they're eligible to start preschool in term 3 that year.

If your child is born after 31 October, they're eligible to start preschool in term 1 the following year.

DON'T FORGET!

At preschool, children are learning through play to:

- ★ make friends, share and play with others
- ★ become confident learners
- ★ understand their feelings and the feelings of others
- ★ express their creativity through dance, movement and art
- ★ develop their physical skills and fine motor skills
- ★ develop their literacy skills such as listening, speaking and communicating
- ★ develop maths skills such as counting, measuring, and solving problems

Government preschools provide specialised support for children, including:

- ★ bilingual support for children with little or no English
- ★ educational support for children with hearing, speech or language impairment and children with developmental delay or disability
- ★ Aboriginal children and children in care can access preschool from 3 years of age



FIND OUT MORE



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Learn more about how to enrol your child in a government preschool by visiting

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IS A CAREER IN NURSING FOR YOU?



The *Coorong Health Advisory Council*
in conjunction with the
Meningie Hospital Auxiliary
is offering financial assistance for
local residents to:



**Undertake study for,
Registered Nurse 3 years
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*'A nursing career comes with many
challenges but offers a rewarding and
lifelong occupation.'*

For further information please contact
Cindy Hein, Executive Officer/Director of
Nursing, Meningie & Districts Memorial
Hospital Ph. 8575 2777



Wicked Wednesdays



Raukkan and Police School Holiday Fun!

Police will attend at Raukkan to run casual youth activities during the January School Holidays on Wednesdays, 10am – 11am. Meet at the Raukkan basketball court. All welcome.

- 3rd January 2024** — Football & Basketball
- 10th January 2024** — Boxing skills
- 17th January 2024** — Card Games and Board Games
- 24th January 2024** — Fun Games competition (Apple bob, egg & spoon, water pistols etc). Win chocolate and lollies.

Activities subject to change due to weather.

Enquiries: 85356345 or sapolmurraymalleecrimeprevention@police.sa.gov.au